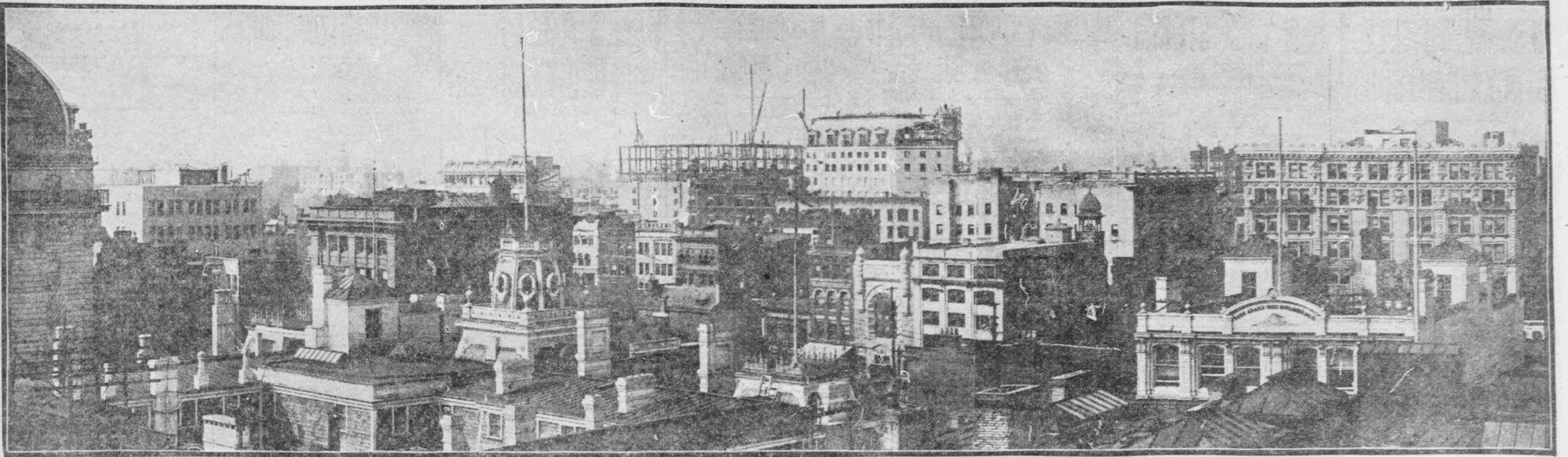


THE NEW FINANCIAL DISTRICT AS SEEN FROM THE TIMES OFFICES



To the Extreme Left Is Seen the Fourteenth and F Streets Corner of the New Willard. The Light Colored Building Next Is the New Metropolitan Bank, While a Little to the Right Is the Wyatt Building. Directly Beyond the Latter Is the Home Life Building. The Building in Course of Construction Is That of the Union Trust Company, and Next Is the W. B. Hibbs & Company New Structure. Near the Center of the Picture, a Little to the Right, May Be Seen the Commercial Bank, Back of Which Is the Bond Building. On the Extreme Right Is the Colorado Building.

From the offices of The Washington Times in the Munsey Building the sky line of the new financial district of Washington—that which is embraced in the territory bounded by F and H streets and extending from Thirteenth to Fifteenth street—presents a remarkable showing of the wonderful changes which have taken place in the past decade. It also shows the wonderful evolution of the tall buildings, or, as they are more familiarly designated, skyscrapers, and their application as business buildings.

Ten years ago in the territory mentioned the only high building was the Sun Building, now the property of the American National Bank. It is true the National Safe Deposit and the Corcoran Buildings were in existence, but while of reasonable height, they were far removed from the character of skyscrapers, and were not looked upon as in any way out of the ordinary with regard to their altitude. The Sun Building was at the time of its erection considered one of the finest office buildings in the city,

and still remains a magnificent specimen of architectural beauty and a point of vantage in this immediate section.

In looking from The Times offices the magnificent new structure now being erected for the banking firm of W. B. Hibbs & Co. stands out with startling distinctness, and with its striking dome and cream-colored side, presents a picture which from every point of view draws and holds attention.

On the opposite corner the work of the new Union Trust steel build-

ing is shooting well up in the air, and gives promise of a building which shall be one of the handsomest and finest of its character in the city.

In the near foreground the rear of the Metropolitan Bank Building looms up, overshadowing all its immediate neighbors, and will soon be prominent among the costly structures which in the past five years have added so much to the wealth and beauty of the financial district.

At the corner of Fourteenth and

G streets the beautiful Colorado Building, while now a few years old, is still a feature of the view which is pleasing to the eye and suggestive of the great advance in the character of office buildings. Just beyond, the Bond Building, although now considered somewhat diminutive in size, is not entirely to be overlooked in the picture.

Coming almost directly to the point of the camera, although not quite in the financial district, is the magnificent New Willard Hotel, which is yet the tallest private

building in the city, and is one that the residents have a great pride in.

While not yet within the focus of the camera, the new Westway nine-story building, now in course of erection at the corner of Fourteenth and F streets, will soon add one more to the great office structures for which the demand seems ever growing. Although not in the class of skyscrapers, it would hardly be fair in this review to overlook the majestic building of the American Security and Trust Company, and its immediate neighbor, the exquisite Riggs Bank Building, nor

the very attractive structure owned and occupied by the Commercial Bank, at the corner of Fourteenth and G streets. In completing the picture the Home Life Building, although not a new one, is yet important from its commanding position, and from the fact that it is essentially in the class of skyscrapers, being taller than any other building in the city in comparison with its breadth.

Altogether, it may be said that Washington is rapidly getting in the skyscraper class, and finds them profitable.

Woman Architect Planned Houses Near Completion On Washington Heights



WHEN WOMEN DO THINGS

A woman's artistic instinct
A woman's practical brain
A woman's thousands
A woman's executive ability
Show in this row
Of modern
apartments

Mrs. May, Without Aid, Made Her Own Drawings.

Probably no more unique and charming houses can be found in the city than the row now nearing completion on Ontario street at the corner of Euclid street, Washington Heights. And what is probably a feature of the greatest interest is that they are the product of the creative genius of a woman architect. Although in some of the larger Eastern cities women have made their way in the architectural profession and designed houses of beauty and comfort, it is not believed that Washington possesses any other of the sort—unless indeed Mrs. Jennie May Miller may be excepted, as it is known that she has furnished the ideas for several of the houses built for her—though it is not known that even she has drawn the plans, but has in each case had the assistance of a professional architect. Mrs. May, however, is her own architect and designer, drawing the plans and specifications entirely without assistance, and receiving estimates from builders based on her own drawings. She is also the owner of the property and superintends the construction from a dual standpoint.

Planned on English Style.

As the illustration shows the houses are fashioned largely after the style of the country houses of England and need but a bit of space surrounding them to give a suggestion of the delight-

ful homes of a prosperous English village. In fact Mrs. May admits to having been attracted by the beauty and comfort so strongly defined in the country and to having endeavored to adapt them as far as circumstances would permit to the demand for quiet and tasteful homes in this city.

Apart from the charm of the exterior, which has so many features to please the eye, the interior of the houses will be a source of special delight to the female portion of the family, as wherever it has been possible to place a closet or a quiet little resting nook Mrs. May, with the natural intuition of a woman, has succeeded in doing so. Old designs in windows, stairways with pleasant little landing breaks, fire places that remind one of roaring wood fires on long winter evenings, bright little spots deftly arranged for the placing of

plants and flowers where the sun will more readily reach them, these and many others will cause exclamations of delight from womankind, while a cozy den will show the versatility of the designer in making the houses equally attractive to the male portion.

Credit to the Architect.

Altogether they reflect great credit on the architect and will be a most agreeable addition to the many new and pretty houses now building in this section. The work of construction has been done by W. B. Holtzman, builder.



Randle Highlands is the same distance from the Capitol as Dupont Circle. The United States Realty Company broke all records in selling lots and villa sites in 1906, and expects to break its own record in 1907. Many purchasers made 100 per cent profit last year; greater opportunities this year. Lots, \$75 to \$100, on small monthly payments. Send for plat and prices and free automobile to see property. Go out and see city spread.

U. S. REALTY CO.
7th St., La. Ave. and Pa. Ave. N. W.
Firemen's Insurance Bldg.

A Home in Chevy Chase

—Offered to quick buyer at the reduced price of..... **\$7,750**

The owner of this house is leaving the city and has reduced the price in order to effect a quick sale. This attractive, 3-story house, contains 12 rooms and tiled bath; Hot-Water Heat; and is conveniently located near the Circle. An unusual opportunity to secure a beautiful home in this ideal suburb at a sacrifice. **\$7,750**

Thos. J. Fisher & Co., Inc.,
1414 F St. N. W.

NINETEENTH ST. TO HAVE \$40,000 APARTMENT HOUSE

Building Inspector Ashford has issued a permit to Thomas H. Blackford for the erection of a five-story apartment house at 113 Nineteenth street northwest. The architect named in the permit is A. H. Beers and the cost is placed at \$40,000. The house will have all the modern conveniences and Architect Beers asserts it will be up to date in every particular.

TO DESIGN AND BUILD TWO-STORY DWELLINGS

Joseph Amberger has taken out a permit to build a two-story frame dwelling on the Conduit road at an estimated cost of \$1,000. Mr. Amberger is his own designer and builder.

R. L. JENNINGS TO BUILD FRAME AND BRICK HOUSES

R. L. Jennings, builder, has taken out permits to erect one two-story brick dwelling on Nicholas avenue, Congress Heights, at an estimated cost of \$2,500, and one two-story frame dwelling on Philadelphia street, Congress Heights. The latter will cost about \$1,600, and its owner is W. H. Adams.

BUILDING OPERATIONS TREMENDOUS IN CHICAGO

Building Commissioner Barten predicts \$55,000,000 building in Chicago, for 1907, an increase of \$1,000,000 over 1906. He bases his forecast on estimates furnished him by architects and contractors.

TWENTY BRICK DWELLINGS FOR MODERATE INCOME'S

The Washington Sanitary Housing Company has started building twenty two-story brick dwellings at First and M streets southwest, which will represent an investment of \$40,000. These houses are being erected for people of moderate means who still desire the conveniences of modern living, which are provided to persons better circumstanced, and this company has found it a satisfactory investment in several sections of the city.

The houses were planned by Architect Appleton P. Clark, Jr., and the contract of construction given to Thomas H. Melton.

Choice Lots in Chevy Chase

(Section III.)

at 5 cents per square foot

Our representative will meet you at Chevy Chase Sunday afternoon, between 1 and 4 o'clock, to show you this property.

We are offering villa sites of from 1/2 to 4 acres in this new Section III of Chevy Chase (opposite Chevy Chase Inn) at 5 cents per square foot—the best realty value on the market today. The ideal suburban home section.

You can pay \$100 to \$500 cash, and the balance in small monthly payments.

Ride out to Bradley lane, Chevy Chase. The property lies north-east from that point. A car ticket and two cents is commuter's fare.

Thos. J. Fisher & Co., Inc.,
1414 F St. N. W.

H. A. WILLARD TO BUILD \$8,600 HOUSE ON L STREET

Henry A. Willard will build a three-story brick dwelling at 1320 L street northwest, the contract having been awarded to Henry A. Hull and a building permit having already been secured. The cost is placed at \$8,600. A new house in this locality will be something of a novelty, as the square has been well built up for many years, and the opportunities for improvement have been limited.

FOUR REAL ESTATE DEALS IN BLOOMINGDALE PROPERTY

Among the sales of Bloomingdale properties noted during the past week was the three-story brick dwelling, 235 Flager street, owned by William F. Staley which, it is understood, brought \$4,300. Also the adjoining house, 237 Flager street, bought by William J. Story for \$4,850. Harry Wardman sold to Charles W. Godley the three-story brick dwelling, 136 W street northwest, for \$4,650. The purchaser in each instance intends to occupy the house.

RAILROAD LANDS BOUGHT RAPIDLY BY SETTLERS

The sale of over a quarter million acres by the land office of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company during 1906 shows how rapidly the lands of the Southwestern railroads are being disposed of. It is safe to say that nothing, aside from the building of the railroads themselves and the introduction of population has contributed so much to the growth of wealth in the Southwest as the sale of railway lands to settlers.

Old English Architecture Adapted to Modern American Homes

—Handsome Row of Houses On Washington Heights for Sale

WE HAVE a fine row of houses facing south on Euclid street and east on Ontario road for sale. Eleven houses now nearly finished. In design and arrangement these houses are a complete departure from the conventional style of houses in a row. An adaptation of old English architecture to modern comfort produces a broad, low effect of solid pebbledash wall, with overhanging roofs of red tile, broken by gables, dormers and large ornamental chimneys.

The numerous windows are varied in size and also by sash of different patterns.

The wide porches, with stone balustrade, and the tiled roofs over the front doors carry out the color effect of red and cream color, while a warm, green in the window frames brings out the white of the rest of the woodwork. The lots being from twenty to forty feet wide permit the dining rooms of the inner houses to be lighted from two sides, and the kitchen from three. Although there are five different plans, all of the houses have parlor, dining room, pantry and kitchen on the first floor, seven bed rooms and three bath rooms.

The third floors are like the second in arrangement of rooms, bath, gas fixtures, decorations, etc. A laundry, servants' room and bath, separated from the furnace room by brick walls and sash doors, make an unusual basement. In addition to closets in all bed rooms, are linen and broom closets in the halls. Especially designed mantels, china closets, etc., give character to the rooms, while double floors, interlined, tight windows, good construction and hot-water heat insure comfort. A well-lighted kitchen with large dresser, monolithic floor, porcelain sink, arrangement for both gas and coal ranges, cold closet with drain for refrigerator, swing doors into pantry and dining room, with back stairs both up and down from a large, light pantry, make housekeeping pleasant. No windows are opposite a neighbor's, and privacy is insured to the front porches.

The designs and working plans were made by Mrs. MARY I. MAY, architect, who thinks a house ought to be comfortable to live in beyond the first charm of handsome decoration and fine hardware. The name of W. B. HOLTZCLAW, the builder, is a guarantee for work well done.

WITH EUCLID STREET ABOUT TO BE CUT THROUGH TO COLUMBIA ROAD, THE LOCATION IS JUST OFF TWO CAR LINES AND ON THE HIGHEST PART OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.

Prices, \$10,000, \$11,000, \$12,500, \$14,000, \$15,000

Terms to Suit Purchasers

C. J. UBHOFF, Realty Investments
Rooms 418 & 419 Colorado Bldg., 14th & G Streets N. W.